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Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan

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To Governor Locke, the Legislature and the Citizens of Washington State:

On behalf of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team and Puget Sound Council, I am pleased to present you with the *2000 Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan*. This plan, adopted in December 2000 in accordance with state and federal law, lays out a coordinated set of local, state, tribal and federal actions to restore and protect the health of Puget Sound.

The first Puget Sound management plan was adopted in 1987. Subsequent revisions in 1989, 1991, 1994 and 1996 updated the state's approaches to the wide variety of issues facing the Sound.

In 1999, the Action Team and Council began another review of the management plan and decided to include two new programs and revise three others in this edition of the plan. We also decided to update and streamline information in all plan programs.

The 2000 management plan includes new programs to control and prevent invasions by aquatic nuisance species and to coordinate issues and programs that affect the shared waters of Puget Sound and the Georgia Basin. The stormwater management, habitat protection, and wetlands protection programs of the 1996 management plan have been substantially revised.

The Action Team and Puget Sound Council represent diverse perspectives, and our unanimous support for this 2000 management plan is an important indication of the spirit of cooperation that went into its development. We applaud the ongoing and important work of local governments, tribal governments, federal and state agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals who have carried out actions called for in the 1996 management plan.

Implementing the *2000 Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan* will require renewed commitment to improvements in funding, policies and operations. We urge you to continue your strong support for the actions necessary to achieve our common goal of a diverse and healthy Puget Sound.

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